

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL, LEMON GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY, LEMON
GROVE SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD, LEMON GROVE ROADWAY LIGHTING DISTRICT
BOARD, AND LEMON GROVE SUCCESSOR AGENCY
October 7, 2014**

Call to Order

Members present: Mary Sessom, Howard Cook, George Gastil, Jerry Jones, and Racquel Vasquez.
Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Graham Mitchell, City Manager; Carol Dick, Development Services Director; Leon Firsht, City Engineer; Susan Garcia, City Clerk; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Sgt. Sandoval, Sheriff's Department; Tim Smith, Deputy Fire Chief; and Cathleen Till, Finance Director.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lemon Grove Cub Scout Pack 108.

Presentations

Mayor Sessom read the Walk and Bike to School Day Proclamation.

Public Comment

Pamela Wilson commented on the digital billboard Request for Proposal.

John L. Wood commented on tree trimming at the Toyota Dealership and the Reader article regarding the Pacific Imperial Railway.

1. Consent Calendar

Mayor Sessom pulled item 1.E to be discussed at the end of the agenda.

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

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B. Ratification of Payment Demands

C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda

**D. Loan Agreement between the Successor Agency to the Former Lemon Grove
Community Development Agency and the City of Lemon Grove**

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to approve
the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:**

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2014- 3285: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove,
California Approving a Loan Agreement between the Successor Agency to the Former Lemon
Grove Community Development Agency and the City of Lemon Grove

2. Support for the City of San Diego's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Modified Permit for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant

Graham Mitchell reported that the Lemon Grove Sanitation District has been a partner in the San Diego Metro Wastewater System since 1947. The Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP) was constructed in 1963 and is the backbone of the Metro System. Lemon Grove is one of twelve participating agencies that convey wastewater to the Metro System for treatment.

The City of San Diego has requested that the Metro Commission/Metro JPA support San Diego's modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit application for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. The PLWTP operates under an NPDES from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Each permit is effective for five years following issuance. The current permit expires in July 2015 and must be submitted for renewal in January 2015. The Metro Commission/Metro JPA will consider this item on October 16, 2014.

The Clean Water Act requires wastewater treatment plants to treat wastewater to at least a secondary level. The required treatment varies depending on discharge to a lake, river or ocean, and the particular characteristics of the receiving body of water. A number of dischargers are required to go to higher levels of treatment than secondary.

San Diego must apply for a new permit or modified permit every five years for Point Loma. San Diego agreed to complete a wide range of studies, as described below, to secure initial support from the environmental community for a modified permit:

- Secondary Conversion Cost – the Navy, Cabrillo National Monument, the ocean and a cliff at Point Loma are site constraints that lead to higher construction costs for the addition of secondary treatment to the site. An initial study indicated a capital cost of \$1 billion. After updating to current dollars, and including wet weather peaking needs, the cost has increased to an estimated \$2.1 billion.
- Additionally, secondary treatment requires a great deal of electricity. Point Loma would go from being a net energy provider to the grid to one of the top 20 loads in San Diego. Annual operating and energy costs would increase by about \$44 million.
- Enhanced Ocean Monitoring – San Diego hired experts from scientific organizations such as Scripps and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to review and enhance the Ocean Monitoring Program. The expanded monitoring program includes over 150,000 samples taken annually. Over 20 years of data indicate no adverse impact to the ocean environment from Point Loma discharge.
- Point Loma's 4.5 mile long outfall (one of the longest in the country) terminates in a dispersal structure that spans a mile across at 320 feet deep (the deepest in the United States). The unique natural ocean environment particular to Point Loma further diffuses any potential discharge impacts.
- Optimizing Wastewater Reuse – while the original settlement included construction of reclaimed water facilities as noted above, the agreement also required further study of additional water reuse possibilities, which were presented in "The Recycled Water Study" (2012).
- The product of years of collaboration between stakeholders and technical experts, the Recycled Water Study outlines a concept to divert almost 100 MGD of wastewater that would otherwise have to be treated, thereby allowing the permitted capacity of Point Loma to be reduced from 240 MGD to 143 MGD.

- San Diego constructed a 1 MGD demonstration projected at North City and pursued studies of San Vicente Reservoir to determine the feasibility of implementing an indirect potable reuse effort there. The demonstration project and studies showed that wastewater could be treated at North City to a level sufficient for safe placement in San Vicente Reservoir for subsequent treatment at a water treatment plant for potable water

San Diego has met with both EPA staff and legislators regarding these plans for the Metro System and San Diego region. Feedback has been generally positive and the concepts well-received. This innovative solution could be a model for others to follow.

Greg Humora, City of La Mesa Director of Public Works/ City Engineer, provided San Diego's modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit application for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Board Member Gastil, seconded by Board Member Cook, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2014-268: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Supporting the City of San Diego's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Modified Permit for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant

3. Authorization to Submit Planning Grant

Graham Mitchell explained that Caltrans provides transportation planning grants to promote a balanced, comprehensive multimodal transportation system . The grant may be used for a wide range of transportation planning purposes addressing local and regional transportation needs and issues that lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements. Projects that incorporate sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health and equity can be considered for the grant.

The Caltrans grant requires an 11.47% local match (approximately \$13,765 for the proposed grant request of \$120,000) and staff time will be allocated towards fulfilling this requirement.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2014-3287: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Funds Through the California Department of Transportation for the Lemon Grove Street Design Manual

4. City of Lemon Grove False Fire Alarm Ordinance

The Fire Department has been using provisions in the California Fire Code and local code amendments to enforce this fee up until this time. During local code amendment discussions with the other Heartland Fire and Rescue cities in 2013, it was determined that some local amendment provisions should be included as ordinances to increase their effectiveness and to avoid the need to reintroduce them as amendments every three years.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to adopt the ordinance passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Ordinance No. 423: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Adding Chapter 8.56 (False Fire Alarms) to the Lemon Grove Municipal Code

1.E California Identification System Remote Access Network (CAL-ID/RAN) Agreement with San Diego County

Mayor Sessom explained her concern with a lack of identification of the CAL-ID/RAN Board Members and requested that these types of matters not be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Action: Motion by Mayor Sessom, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2014-3286: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, Approving an Agreement between the County of San Diego and the City of Lemon Grove for Participation in San Diego County's California Identification System Remote Access Network (CAL-ID/RAN)

City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))

Councilmember Cook reported that on Wednesday October 8, he will be walking with Lemon Grove children to school in participation with International Walk to School Day.

Councilmember Gastil attended the Lemon Grove Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast, Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, and a MTS meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones attended the Lemon Grove Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast, Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, SANDAG Regional Planning meeting, and a Thrive Lemon Grove meeting.

Councilmember Vasquez attended San Diego ECEDC and City County Reinvestment meetings, the APWA Awards Gala, and she joined Assemblywoman Weber at San Altos School.

Mayor Sessom attended the Lemon Grove Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast.

City Manager and Department Director Reports

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Susan Garcia
Susan Garcia, City Clerk